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BRAHMAPUTRA VALLEY AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has come out with its support for the plan to set up Brahmaputra Valley Authority;

(b) if so, the functions of the contemplated authority; and

(c) the extent of support expected from the World Bank?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF- UD- DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) The Prime Minister in his address during visit to Assam stated that the Government will consider establishing the Brahmaputra Valley Authority or the North East Water Resources Authority. Accordingly Ministry of Water Resources formulated a proposal for constitution of North East Water Resources Authority for establishment of an autonomous self contained entity. World Bank was not involved regarding this proposal. However, in the study on `Natural Resources, Water and Environment Nexus for Development and Growth in North East India` by Ministry of DONER in association with the World Bank, the findings of the study strongly support the plans outlined by India`s prime minister to develop a new river basin management institution that would work across the entire Northeast and to which decision making powers would be devolved, with active participation by the States.

(c) Does not arise.